



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** The much needed rainfall received in the previous week continues to improve crops and pastures throughout the state. However, the return of warm, dry weather allowed winter wheat producers to continue harvesting. Colorado reported average temperatures for much of last week. The warm, dry weather allowed farmers 5.5 days in the field to continue field work and other operations.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	21	35	42	2
Last Week	20	29	47	4
Last Year	15	39	45	1

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	35	43	22	0
Last Week	33	45	22	0
Last Year	19	37	42	2

**Field Crops:** Winter wheat was reported 99 percent at or beyond the ripe stage and 92 percent of this year's crop has been harvested. Spring wheat was 92 percent at or beyond headed and 36 percent at or beyond turning color. The crop is rated in good to fair condition. The corn crop has reached 13 percent at or beyond the silked stage with the crop currently rated in mostly good condition. The dry onion crop is also rated in mostly good condition. The sorghum crop reached 96 percent emerged and 28 percent headed last week. The crop is rated in mostly good condition. Spring barley was 99 percent at or beyond the headed stage and 43 percent at or beyond turning color by week's end. The crop was rated in mostly good to excellent condition. Summer potatoes are currently rated in excellent to good condition. The sugarbeet crop is mostly rated in good to fair condition.

Fall potatoes are progressing nicely under heavy irrigation and are rated in good to fair condition. Dry beans were 23 percent at or beyond the flowered stage by week's end. Dry beans were rated in mostly good condition. Producers continue to cut alfalfa with 97 percent of first cutting and 38 percent of the second cutting complete. The crop is currently rated in good to fair condition. Sunflower producers were active with 97 percent of the crop now planted. The sunflower crop is rated in mostly good condition.

## SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending July 16, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Spring Wheat	7	8	30	37	18
Spring Barley	1	6	24	43	26

**Pasture and Range:** Overall, pasture and range feed conditions improved thanks to the much needed precipitation received during the previous week.

**Livestock:** Death losses for cattle and sheep were average for the week. Producers continue to feed supplements due to the lack of grazable range and pastures. Along with early weaning, producers continue to cull herds to relieve overgrazing of depleted pastures and rangeland.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending July 16, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2006	40	25	25	10	0
Prev. Year - 2005	7	18	35	32	8
5-Year Avg.	17	21	35	24	3

## COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending July 16, 2006

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Ripe	99	98	96	96
Harvested	92	78	78	73
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Headed	92	88	99	98
Turning color	36	25	40	46
<b>Spring Barley</b>				
Headed	99	94	99	100
Turning color	43	28	45	55
<b>Corn</b>				
Silked	13	7	15	13
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Emerged	96	93	100	98
Headed	28	7	3	4
<b>Sunflowers</b>				
Planted	97	95	100	100
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
1 <sup>st</sup> cutting	97	94	100	100
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting	38	18	28	27
<b>Dry Beans</b>				
Flowered	23	3	10	14

## COLORADO CROP CONDITION RATINGS <sup>1/</sup>

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Corn</b>	3	7	16	45	29
<b>Sorghum</b>	1	10	26	61	2
<b>Sunflower</b>	4	12	25	52	7
<b>Alfalfa hay</b>	8	15	26	41	10
<b>Dry Onions</b>	3	4	23	51	19
<b>Sugarbeets</b>	6	14	27	41	12
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>	3	5	4	44	44
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>	0	7	32	43	18
<b>Dry Beans</b>	10	13	25	49	3

<sup>1/</sup> Crop condition ratings ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.

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